



Alyngddisllwyn Urban District Council



ANNUAL REPORTS

of the

Medical Officer of Health

and

Public Health Inspector

Year ended 31st December, 1967

Allyngddislyn Urban District Council.



COUNCIL OFFICES,
PONTLLANFRAITH,
BLACKWOOD, MON.

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1st January to 21st May, 1967

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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

The Committee consists of 17 Members of the Council

Chairman - Councillor Mrs. E. G. Brown

Day of Meeting - First Tuesday in each
Month

Medical Officer of Health - Dr. K. E. Howells, M.B., B.S., D.P.H.

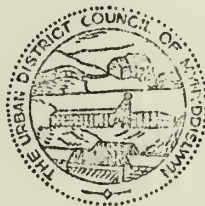
Public Health Inspector and Shops Inspector - J. Lloys Jones;
M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.



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Mynyddislwyn Urban District Council.



R E P O R T

To the Chairman and Members
of the Mynyddislwyn Urban District Council

Mr. Chairman, and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting the Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1967.

I am,
Mr. Chairman, and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

K. E. HOWELIS

Medical Officer of Health

MYNYDDISLWYN URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Area of District	5,415 acres
Rateable Value at 31st March, 1967	£310,231
Product of 1d. Rate 1967	£1,189.12.2d.
Population (Estimates Mid 1966)	15,520
Population (Estimated Mid 1967)	15,690
Birth Rate per 1,000 population 1966 (Crude)	14.8
Birth Rate per 1,000 population 1966 (Adjusted)	14.9
Birth Rate per 1,000 population 1967 (Crude)	14.6
Birth Rate per 1,000 population 1967 (Adjusted)	14.7
Live Births for 1966	229
Live Births for 1967	229
Number of Deaths for 1966	171
Death Rate per 1,000 of the population for 1966 (Crude)	11.0
Death Rate per 1,000 of the population for 1966 (Adjusted)	14.4
Number of Deaths for 1967	163
Death Rate per 1,000 of the population for 1967 (Crude)	10.4
Death Rate per 1,000 of the population for 1967 (Adjusted)	13.4
Infant Mortality Rate for 1966	17.0
Infant Mortality Rate for 1967	17.0

BIRTHS AND INFANTILE MORTALITY RATES

Number of births registered locally belonging to the District ..	58
Number of births registered outside the District	171
Total number of births given in the Registrar General's Return	229
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated population (Crude) ..	14.6
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimates population (Adjusted)	14.7
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total live births	6.6
Number of still births,	6
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 live and still births	26.0
Total live and still births	235
Infant Deaths (deaths under 1 year)	4
Total Infant Deaths per 1,000 total live births	17.0
Legitimate Infant Deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births ..	18.6
Illegitimate Infant Deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births ..	0
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)	17.5
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live Births)	17.5
Perinatal Mortality Rate (still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)	43.0
Number of deaths from pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	0
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	0

Showing the Comparisons of the Vital Statistics
of Mynyddislwyn Urban District, Monmouthshire
County Council, and England and Wales for the
year 1967

	Mynyddislwyn Urban District	England and Wales	Monmouthshire County Council
Live Birth Rate per 1,000	14.7	17.2	17.13
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total births	26.0	14.8	16.99
Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births	17.0	18.3	21.82
Total Death Rate per 1,000 of population (adjusted)	13.4	11.2	12.89

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Showing the number of births registered in the Mynyddislwyn Urban Area
during 1967 according to sex, month, quarter of occurrence,
together with transferable births

Month	Male	Female	Total	Quarterly Births
January	5	4	9	17
February	4	-	4	
March	1	3	4	
April	2	2	4	
May	1	-	1	12
June	3	4	7	
July	2	1	3	
August	2	3	5	
September	1	6	7	15
October	-	-	-	7
November	2	1	3	
December	4	-	4	
Totals	27	24	51	51
Inward Transferable Births	94	84	178	-
Grand Total for 1967	121	108	229	-

T A B L E 11

Showing the infant deaths (i.e. deaths in infants under 1 year of age)
occurring during 1967, by cause and in age groups

Cause of Death	0 to 4 weeks	4 weeks to 1 year
Inhalation Bronchopneumonia	-	1
Prematurity	2	-
Hydrops foetalis	1	-
TOTAL.....	3	1

SHOWING CAUSES OF DEATH

Causes	Male 106	Female 57
Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-
Tuberculosis, other	1	-
Syphilitic disease	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-
Meningococcal infection	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-
Measles	-	-
Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	6	1
Malignant neoplasm, breast	1	2
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	3	1
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	9	2
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system	5	13
Coronary disease, angina	23	9
Hypertention with heart disease	2	-
Other heart disease	15	14
Other circulatory disease	7	4
Influenza	1	-
Pneumonia	2	3
Bronchitis	12	-
Other disease of respiratory system	-	-
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	-
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	-
Nephritis and nephrosis	2	-
Hyperphasia of prostate	-	-
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-
Congenital malformations	1	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	6	6
Motor vehicle accidents	1	-
All other accidents	5	1
Suicide	1	-
Homicide	-	-
Diabetes	1	-
Deaths of infants under one year of age	2	2
Legitimate	2	2
Illegitimate	-	-
Total of Births	121	108
Legitimate	113	102
Illegitimate	8	6
Still Births	3	3
Legitimate	3	3
Illegitimate	-	-

T A B L E 1V

Showing monthly notification of tuberculosis (all forms) for the year 1967

Month	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
January	-	-	1	-	1
February	-	-	-	-	-
March	2	-	-	-	2
April	-	-	-	-	-
May	-	-	-	-	-
June	1	-	-	-	1
July	1	-	-	-	1
August	-	-	-	-	-
September	-	-	-	-	-
October	-	-	-	-	-
November	-	-	-	-	-
December	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	4	-	1	-	5

IMMUNISATIONS

for the year ended 31st December, 1967

	Age				at date of final injection (as regards A) or of reinforcing injection (as regards B)
	Under 1	1 to 3	4 to 16	TOTAL	
A. Number of children who completed a full course of primary immunisation in the Authority's area (including temporary residents) during the six months	86	147	26	259	
B. Number of children who received a secondary (reinforcing) injection (i.e. subsequently to primary immunisation at an earlier age) during the year ended 31st December, 1967	-	209	177	386	

SMALLPOX VACCINATION

1. Number of persons vaccinated (or re-vaccinated during period)					
Age at date of vaccination	Under 1	1	2 to 4	5 to 15	TOTAL
Number vaccinated	1	26	48	10	85
Number re-vaccinated	-	-	3	5	8
2. Number of cases specially reported during period (age groups as above)					
(a) Generalised	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Post vaccinal Encephalomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Death from complications of vaccination other than (a) or (b)	-	-	-	-	-

Mynyddislwyn Urban District Council.



Public Health Inspector's

R E P O R T

for the year

1967

To the Chairman and Members of the
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Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

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F O O D S

MILK SUPPLY

24 samples of milk were taken by the County Authority for analysis, all of which reached the required standard.

Number of inspections of Dairy Premises and Vehicles 21.

ICE CREAM

By far the most of the ice-cream sold in the area is manufactured and pre-packed outside the area. As seen below, of the 32 retailers in the area, only three of them produced their own ice-cream.

There are 32 retailers of ice-cream on the Register.

Number of premises registered during 1967	-	2
Number of premises registered	-	32
Number of registered persons producing	-	3
Number of inspections of premises and vehicles	-	47
Number of samples taken	-	11

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT - SAMPLING

My acknowledgement is due again to the Weights and Measures Department for the County, in supplying me with the following information of samples of food and drink taken for examination under the Food and Drugs Act in this area.

During the year 1967, 47 samples were taken, consisting of:-

24 Milk	2 Ice-cream	17 Other Foods	4 Intoxicating Liquor
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The Public Analyst certified all the samples to be genuine.

POULTRY PROCESSING PREMISES

There are no such premises situated in the area.

FOOD PREMISES

In connection with the inspection of food premises, the following is a summary of the visits made throughout the year.

<u>Type of Premises</u>	<u>No. of Visits Made</u>
Butchers' Shops -	214
Greengrocers' Shops -	137
Fishmongers' Shops -	42
Premises registered for preparation of Food -	183
Other premises where food is stored/and/or sold -	65
Cafes and Canteens -	40
Premises registered for the sale of ice-cream -	64

MEAT INSPECTION

There is at present no slaughterhouse in the area. Nearly all the meat obtained in the area is purchased from slaughterhouses in Maesycwmmmer, Newport and Abergavenny, and all those premises are maintained by an adequate inspection staff.

PARTICULARS OF ATTENDANCES AT THE COUNCIL'S SWIMMING BATHS AT PONTLLANFRAITH

	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>
Bathers (adults)	3,033	1,290	1,786	1,671
Bathers (juvenile)	20,689	13,378	13,466	16,885
Spectators (adults)	1,661	790	889	1,044
Spectators (juvenile)	1,993	1,185	1,241	1,572

These figures provide a fairly accurate guide as to the summer weather in any particular year.

MORTUARY FACILITIES

The District is provided with a modern well equipped mortuary and its facilities are often used by neighbouring authorities who have no mortuary of their own.

During the year the number of post mortems carried out at these premises was 37.

H O U S I N G ' 1 9 6 7

1. Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices:

Number of defective dwelling houses in which defects were remedied in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers..... 83

Proceedings under Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1957 (Slum Clearance)

1. Number of dwelling houses closed..... 2
2. Number of dwelling houses demolished..... 2
3. Number of families re-housed..... 8

Proceedings under the Public Health Act and Housing Act, 1957:

1. Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:
 - (a) By Owner..... 3
 - (b) By Local Authority in default of owners..... -
2. Number of unfit houses made fit after formal action under the Housing Act, 1957..... 2

Progress of New Houses by the Local Authority and Private Enterprise

1. Number of dwellings completed by the Local Authority in 1967... 58
2. Number of dwellings completed by Private Enterprise in 1967.... 78

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS 1960

There is a total of 116 premises in the area to which the above Regulations, and in particular Regulations 16 & 19 apply. There have been some infringements of a relatively minor character which have been rectified without recourse to statutory action, but the main provisions have been complied with.

Exact classification of these premises is difficult because there is a growing trend for retailing establishments to deal in a wide range of commodities outside their predominant business. Butchers deal in greengrocery for instance, and grocery shops sell almost anything. Some public houses have a thriving trade in confectionery. However, the broad classification is as follows:-

Greengrocery & General Shops	52	Licenced Premises	29
Fried Fish Shops	6	Cafes and Canteens	14
Butchers Shops	9	Bake-houses	3
Food Warehouses	1		

There has been a noticeable development in the grocery trade in the last couple of years. In order to compete with the supermarkets many small shop keepers have been forced to adopt a similar type of trading, and have converted their premises to self-service stores, often with backing of business consortiums.

From the hygiene point of view I welcome this change. It means on the whole, a much cleaner, better maintained shop, with improved lighting, hygienic fittings, and the absence of counters, which all too often hid the debris hurriedly swept up after a busy day. More important still, it means that almost all the food sold is prepacked and safe from contamination, including those foods more usually sold uncovered, such as bacon, sausages, pies, cooked meats, and pastry.

The older person and the traditionalist may regret these changes, and would prefer to have his food handled, weighed, and passed over the counter by the friendly grocer. I hope the grocer will remain friendly but I trust he will continue to move with the times

RODENT CONTROL

For this work, one man is employed full time, and a part-time operator is employed for relief work on normal duties, and when baiting of the sewers is carried out. During the year 164 premises were treated.

WATER SUPPLIES

1. In general the water supplied by the Water Undertakers, Abertillery & District Water Board, is satisfactory as regards quality and quantity. There were no serious restrictions during the year.
2. Frequent bacteriological samples are taken by the Undertakers and reports to this Department indicate that the results of the analyses are satisfactory. Nine samples of the treated water were taken by this Department for bacteriological examination and all the results were satisfactory.
3. There is no evidence that the water is plumbo-solvent.
4. Repeated sampling of water from a well showed that it was heavily contaminated. This led to eventual closure of the well.
5. The number of dwelling houses and the approximate number of the population supplied from the mains are as follows:-
 1. Direct to the houses - 4,500 houses, 15,590 population.
 2. By means of standpipes - 2 houses, 6 people.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The Urban Area is adequately served by sewerage, the controlling body being the Western Valleys (Mon) Sewerage Board. There is no sewage works in the area. The number of dwellings not connected to the sewer is comparatively small, approximately 50, and these consist of farms and cottages in isolated parts of the area. In these cases with the aid of Improvement Grants, there is a growing tendency for the more primitive type of disposal to be exchanged for properly designed and constructed septic tanks.

LODGING HOUSE

There is one lodging house in the area, which as mentioned in previous reports, continually presents a problem. It is occupied by about ten lodgers, mostly elderly who have been here for many years and regard it as their home. The premises are poor and the facilities below what is required. It would be an uneconomic proposition to bring it up to standard and for that reason the proprietor wishes to close down, but on humanitarian grounds keeps the place open because his lodgers would have nowhere to go. At the time of writing every attempt is being made to arrange alternative accommodation.

F A C T O R I E S A C T 1 9 6 1

1. Inspection for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector)

	Number on the Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
1. Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	4	4	-	-
2. Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	34	68	-	-
3. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL.....	38	72	-	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found
 (If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more, "cases")

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	BY H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	6	6	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-

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Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	BY H.M. Inspector	
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	2	2	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL.....	2	2	-	-	-

PART VIII of the Act

There are no outworkers operating in the area.

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

The following statistics are extracted from the Annual Report supplied to the Ministry of Labour:-

REGISTRATION AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of Premises	Number of Premises registered during the year	Total number of registered premises at end of year	Number of inspections during the year
Offices	-	12	3
Retail Shops	-	35	29
Wholesale shops, warehouses	-	1	1
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	-	7	7
Fuel storage depots	-	-	-

ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES BY WORKPLACE

Class of workplace	Number of persons employed
Offices	49
Retail Shops	84
Wholesale departments, warehouses	2
Catering establishments open to the public	13
Canteens	17
Fuel storage depots	-
Total	165
Total Males	55
Total Females	110

SUMMARY OF VISITS MADE WHICH ARE NOT CLASSIFIED ELSEWHERE
IN THE REPORT

Complaints

Total number investigates (all premises)..... 163

Drainage

Number of main or branch drains tested or inspected..... 45

Number of visits to work in progress..... 93

Dwelling Houses

Number of visits in connection with complaints..... 69

Re-visits..... 218

Miscellaneous

Visits not otherwise classified..... 99

In conclusion, I should like to thank all Officers of all Departments of the Council for their kind and willing co-operation during the year.

I am,
Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

J. LLOYD JONES

Public Health Inspector
and Shops Inspector

